

Residential Organics Acceptability List:

| YES | NO |
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| Baked goods | Ashes (fireplace, grill, portable fire pit, chiminea) |
| Bamboo foodservice items | Air filters (furnace, humidifier, etc.) |
| Berry cartons (paper only) | Animal waste, bedding, litter, or droppings (compost sites not allowed to accept) |
| Bones | Aluminum foil |
| Candy (remove from wrapper) | Automobile and engine fluids (antifreeze, motor oil, etc.) |
| Cereal | Baby, cleaning, sanitizing, and flushable moist wipes |
| Certified compostable bags (must be labeled BPI certified compostable) | "Biodegradable" labeled items (unless also BPI certified) |
| Certified compostable food-service items (must be labeled BPI certified compostable) | Band-Aids™, bandages and first-aid items |
| Cheese and cheesecloth | Batteries |
| Chopsticks and coffee stir-sticks (wood only) | Candy and chip wrappers |
| Paper coffee cups (must be labeled BPI certified compostable) | Cartons (soup, broth, milk, juice, or wine) |
| Coffee grounds and paper filters | Cat litter of any kind |
| Cork (natural only, plastic corks are garbage) | Ceramics (mugs, plates, bowls, vases, etc.) |
| Corn cobs, husks and shuckings | Charcoal (Charcoal that contains chemicals for quick or easy lighting is garbage. If you're unsure throw it away.) |
| Cotton balls (without chemicals on them) | Cigarettes, cigars and butts |
| Dough | Cleaning products including towels, rags, sponges, etc. soaked with chemical cleaning products |
| Egg cartons (paper only) | Clothing and textiles |
| Egg shells | Condiment packets (plastic and foil including: ketchup, relish, red pepper, parmesan, taco sauce, etc.) |
| Facial tissue | Condoms and related products |
| Fish and fish parts | Construction materials (concrete, sheetrock, etc.) |
| Food - ALL spoiled, moldy, frozen food, dairy, fruits and vegetables including peelings and pits, baked goods, sauces, herbs and spices, nuts, seafood, and fish including shells, meat including fat and bones, etc. (Remove from packaging) | Cosmetics and perfumes |
| Flower bouquets (remove ribbon, plastic and metal) | Crayons and chalk |
| Frozen foods | Dead animals (compost sites not allowed to accept) |
| Fruit, fruit peels, fruit seeds, and pits | Dental floss (likely contains plastic) |
| Grains | Detergents (liquid, powder, sheets, and tablets) |
| Gravy and sauces | Diapers (baby, overnight, training, swim, and covers) |
| Hair - human and pet | Dirt or soil |
| Herbs and spices | Dryer lint and dryer sheets (contain synthetic fibers) |
| Indoor plants and trimmings (no dirt) | Dusting wipes (contain synthetic fibers) |
| Jam and jelly | Fast food wraps and boxes (unless BPI certified) |
| Meat and meat products (including fat and bones) | Feces (human and pet) |
| Melon, pumpkin and gourds | Feminine sanitary or hygiene products (tampons, pads, liners, applicators - paper or plastic) |
| | Fertilizers or pesticides (solid and liquid) |
| | Frozen or refrigerated food boxes |
| | Gauze and bandages |



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| Nail clippings (no polish) | Glass |
| Newspaper that is wet with food or dirt | Grease (small amounts wiped in paper towel are ok) |
| Nuts and nut shells | Gum (may contain plastic) |
| Oatmeal | Ice cream tubs (paper or plastic) |
| Oysters, mussels, clams (shells and all) | Latex (balloons and gloves) |
| Paper take-out containers and fast food packaging (must be BPI certified compostable) | Liquids (pour non-hazardous liquids down the drain) |
| Paper plates and cups (must be labeled BPI certified compostable) | Litter and street sweepings |
| Paper towels and napkins (no chemical cleaners) | Markers, pens and pencils |
| Pastries and pies | Metal |
| Pet Food (dry or wet removed from bag or can) | Microwaveable popcorn bags (plastic lined with BPA) |
| Pizza boxes from delivery | Packaged food |
| PLA food service plastic (only if labeled certified) | Packing peanuts (foam, "degradable", water soluble [unless BPI certified compostable]) |
| Popcorn and popcorn kernels | Paper than can be recycled |
| Popsicle sticks and toothpicks (wood only) | Parchment and wax paper (unless BPI certified compostable) |
| Q-tips™ with paper stems only (no plastic) | Personal hygiene products (toothpaste, soap, etc.) |
| Spices (fresh or dried) | Pet food bags (plastic or foil lined) |
| Soup (strain liquids down drain) | Photos and slides |
| Tea bags (not nylon) (tea bag packaging must be paper only, no plastic or foil lining) (remove staples) | Plastic (all non-certified compostable, including bags and wrap) |
| | Plastic lined paper (ex: Asian take-out containers, ice cream tubs, coffee cups - unless BPI certified compostable) |
| | Products labeled as "biodegradable", made from plants, etc. |
| | Q-tips™ with plastic stem |
| | Rocks and gravel |
| | Rubber and rubber bands |
| Contamination is not able to be pulled out before the composting process. It's very important to make sure only the right items are put in organics recycling carts. | Snack and sandwich bags (unless BPI certified compostable) |
| | Soap (liquid, bar, shampoo, dish, dishwasher, laundry) |
| | Star Tribune "oxo-degradable" bags |
| How to tell if an item is certified compostable: | Styrofoam™ (egg cartons, packaging, and peanuts) |
| Look for the BPI logo to tell if the product if it is certified compostable. | Tape of any kind (masking, painters, duct, electrical, scotch) |
| You can also check online at www.BPIworld.org | Toys |
| If you have any questions if an item is compostable, throw it in the garbage. | Treated wood (lumber and sawdust) |
| | Vacuum cleaner bags (contain synthetic fibers) |
| | Wax (wax paper [unless BPI certified compostable], candle wax, car wax, etc.) |
| | Wicker (furniture or wicker scraps) |
| | Wood scraps |
| | Wrapping Paper (recycle paper without glitter or foil) |
| | Yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, and garden trimmings) |



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